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UNITED STATES MINISTER ALLEN



WASHINGTON, February 29.—United States Minister Allen cables the State Department from Seoul that in pursuance of an arrangement he has made with the Japanese Minister, a returning transport will bring Americans from Ping Yang, a point in Northwest Korea, near the border of Manchuria. The Americans in Seoul and vicinity have already been sent to the Philippines. Allen says that Russian scouts on arriving at Ping Yang yesterday, were pursued by the Japanese.

Horace N. Allen, Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary from the United States to Korea, has been in the American diplomatic service in Korea for fourteen years. He was first made Secretary of Legation at Seoul, July 9, 1890; appointed also Deputy Consul General, September 25, 1890; appointed Vice and Deputy Consul General, February 17, 1896; appointed Minister Resident and Consul General, July 17, 1897; appointed Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary June 21, 1901. He is credited to the State of Ohio. His salary is \$7,500. The Secretary of Legation is Gordon Paddock, of New York who has held that position since April 24, 1901.

To Lead Home Rule Goat Into The Fold

Home Rulers on Maui and Hawaii are said to be ready to enter the Democratic fold. In fact overtures looking to that result are understood to have been made to local leaders of the Democratic and Home Rule parties. It is not unlikely that some steps will be taken to bring about a consolidation of the two parties.

According to the latest news on this score, delegates from those islands were here last week and this week.

BLUEFIELDS CUTTINGS HERE

The Board of Agriculture and Forestry has received news of the arrival of a shipment of cuttings of Bluefield bananas, the first to arrive here after considerable delay since Commissioner Jared Smith began asking for them. A number were spoiled on the journey here, but it is thought that there are about a hundred good cuttings.

The cuttings will all be used by the authorities to propagate more cuttings. An order was sent some time ago for 500 cuttings and this number could well be used. As it is the hundred now on hand will probably produce a thousand, and when there are a thousand on hand, some distributing will be done.

The Bluefields variety of bananas is much superior to most if not all of those grown here, and it is the intention to propagate and introduce the better variety, with a view to encouraging the banana industry. Commissioner Smith and the members of the Board of Agriculture regard the introduction of the Bluefields cuttings as likely to lead to important development.

SAYS MOUNT SINAI WAS A VOLCANO



Prof. Hermann Gunkel one of the leading theologians of Germany has created a profound impression in religious and scholarly circles by his announcement that he interprets Exodus 19:18 and all other references to Sinai or Horeb as "a burning, fiery mountain," as merely descriptive of its character as a volcano, and not as indicating any miraculous phenomena. The geology of Mount Sinai he says, furnishes evidence of this. Exodus, 19:18 is as follows: "And Mount Sinai was altogether on a smoke, because the Lord descended upon it in fire; and the smoke thereof ascended as the smoke of a furnace, and the whole mount quaked greatly."

RETVIZAN IS FLOATED

Associated Press Cable to the Star.

PORT ARTHUR, March 9.—The disabled battleship Retvizan has been floated. The vessel was injured by a Japanese torpedo on the night of February 8 when the first attack on Port Arthur was made by Admiral Togo's fleet. It is thought possible that the Retvizan may be saved as the damages to her are not so great as was first supposed.

EXPENSES IGNORED

TREASURER KEPOKAI'S STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURES LEAVES OUT ALL DEPARTMENTAL EXPENSES, DEALING ONLY WITH SALARIES AND PAY ROLLS.

Treasurer Kepoikai's statement as to government finances, sent to the governor yesterday and published this morning ignores altogether departmental expenses, for which the legislature appropriated \$1,478,335. The statement, showing that there is \$503,342.95 for government expenses over and above salaries and pay rolls, leaves that sum with which to meet the \$1,478,335.

Among the items, many of them held to be necessary, which are not included in the Kepoikai statement, are the following:

Judiciary expenses	\$17,750
Attorney General, support of prisoners	54,000
Attorney General, incidentals	25,000
Public Works	405,709
Public Grounds	5,460
Public Instruction	102,000
Public Lands	14,125
Board of Agriculture	41,000
Survey	38,325
Board of Health, including support of lepers, etc.	428,625

Carter has received statements from various heads of departments showing cuts they can make in expenses. The Board of Health is yet to be heard from. The military is also to be heard from again, the first statement not having made cuts enough. As soon as he has all the statements in hand Governor Carter will make up a comprehensive statement as to what the necessary expenditures are.

日露電報
東京三月九日發 日本艦隊の昨八日、ルニ（大連灣）及び旅順を砲撃せり。露國軍艦にして戦力に失ひたるは五隻に過ぎず。
今回の攻撃は旅順占領の第一歩なり。
●レトビザン浮上る
旅順三月九日發 二月八日の夜東郷司令長官の聯合艦隊の攻撃を受け戦力に失ひたる主戦艦レトビザン號の浮上る。同艦の損傷は豫想せしより微少なり。
●佛國の警戒
巴里三月九日發 佛國は沿岸防禦を力増加せり。

KAPEA SHORTAGE GETTING BIGGER

MISSING COLLECTOR OF HAWAIIAN TRUST COMPANY NOW REPORTED TO BE SHORT LARGER AMOUNT THAN WAS FIRST REPORTED—SAID TO HAVE HYPOTHECATED BONDS TO LOCAL BROKER.

It is now reported that the defalcations alleged to have been committed by Henry Kapea from the Hawaiian Trust Company are likely to reach a much greater amount than was first indicated. The complaint against him charges him with the embezzlement of only \$100. Subsequent investigation goes to show that the shortage may be nearer several thousand dollars.

Several bonds are said to be missing from the Hawaiian Trust Company's vaults and the missing collector is suspected of making way with them. It was stated this morning that he had hypothecated a \$500 Oahu Railway bond to J. E. Fullerton for \$400. This deal was consummated several days ago according to the report. Other bonds are understood to have been used for the same purpose by Kapea and when the affairs of the collector will have been thoroughly investigated, a greater amount than the present suspected shortage may be discovered.

Mr. Fullerton was not in his office this afternoon so a confirmation or denial of the report regarding the bond could not be obtained from him. The indications now seem to be that Kapea left on the S. S. Siberia Saturday for San Francisco. No stock appears to be taken in his threats to commit suicide.

A FLOWER FESTIVAL

The ladies of St. Clement's Guild are arranging for a Flower Fiesta to be given on the Rectory grounds, early in May. It will be similar in motive and plan to the flower festivals of the Southern California cities, with such changes and adaptations as are made necessary by the different conditions existing here. At the same time there will be many original features. The Guild is at work now on its plans, and is arousing a good deal of interest in what will be a novel innovation in island entertainments.

MORE PLUNDER RECOVERED.
Officer Dan Renear this morning took Asa the Hawaiian sneak thief out and recovered six handsome parlor chair and a rocker that had been stolen.

KNICKBOCKER WAISTS.
New York's favorite shirt waists of 1904 styles now open at Sachs' Dry Goods Company. Materials more handsome than ever and prices very reasonable. Call and see the pretty display.

MINISTERS TRANSFERRED

Associated Press Cable to the Star.

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 9.—W. Russell has been nominated by President Roosevelt for Minister to Colombia. Minister Beapre is to be transferred from Colombia to the Argentine Republic and John Barrett is to be transferred from Argentine to the new Republic of Panama.

FRENCH WAR PREPARATION

Associated Press Cable to the Star.

PARIS, March 9.—French coast defenses are being strengthened.

Hundred Lives Lost

Associated Press Cable to the Star.

PARIS, March 9.—The French steamer Cambodge has been wrecked in Cochin China. A hundred lives were lost.

OHIO RACE WAR

Associated Press Cable to the Star.

SPRINGFIELD, Ohio, March 9.—The race war which started as a result of the recent lynching of a negro is becoming more extensive. Numbers of buildings occupied by negroes have been burned. An additional force of troops has been ordered to reinforce the eight companies ordered here yesterday.

JAPANESE RENEW ATTACK.

Associated Press Cable to the Star.

TOKIO, March 9.—The Japanese ships bombarded Talienwan (Dalny) and attacked Port Arthur on March 8. It is reported that there are now only five Russian ships that have not been disabled. These attacks are part of the campaign that is being directed toward the capture of Port Arthur.

ARMY BILL PASSED.

Associated Press Cable to the Star.

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 9.—The army appropriations bill has passed.

MAY GO TO CHINA.

The Twelfth Infantry may go to China instead of Manila, in the opinion of some of the officers. The regiment sailed from San Francisco under sealed orders and rumor on board the Sherman has it that the destination of the regiment will be China.

FOUR CHARGES AGAINST HIM.

When Vivian Richardson was brought up for arraignment in the District Court this afternoon, there were four charges of embezzlement against him. One charged him with embezzling \$100 on February 20, and the other charges were made to fit other dates and amounts.

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